

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council

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**On the Lewis and Clark Trail
At Ecola State Park in the Hiker's Camp**



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Introduction

In 1998 the Governor established the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council to oversee and provide advice on sixteen designated historic trails in Oregon. We are nine volunteer citizens, working together to advise the Governor and locate, preserve and encourage the use of these historic trails by Oregonians and visitors alike. Ex-officio members from a variety of state, federal, and related organizations provide the Council advice and technical information.

We met three times as a group in 2005. Our annual business meeting was held at the Architectural Heritage Center in Portland on February 24, 2005. The other two meetings were trips to explore two historic trails, each of which was followed by an open public meeting to discuss the trail we just visited and any other pending business regarding any of the sixteen trails. This year we chose to visit the Applegate Trail/branch of the California National Historic Trail (this was planned for spring of 2004 but had been canceled at that time and rescheduled for spring of 2005), and the other trip was to Astoria for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. We evaluated and recorded trail conditions and discussed opportunities for marking and interpretation of the trails. See our field trip reports for details.

This report covers the activities of the Council through the 2005 calendar year. It is organized as an executive summary with pertinent documents attached for documentation and details. The main points of action are summarized in the Summary of Actions and Recommendations.

This annual report is prepared and submitted to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission as an objective of the Procedural Rules adopted by the Council when it was formed.



OHTAC Summary of Action in 2005

1. **SHPO** personnel had **lost the electronic version of the 2002-2003 Annual Report**, but hard copies were located and SHPO offered to retype and print the report and send it out asap.
2. James Hamrick made an official request to change the rules governing the council and was told "no". He offered other solutions to the problem and he is to contact the OPRD director. Sharon Brown offered OHTAC another \$5000 from NTS. **Motion passed: OHTAC requests \$5000 from NTS to reimburse Council expenses (travel and other) to take care of Council responsibilities.** These monies will be made available to SHPO to be spent on van rental for field trips and meeting and room costs when OHTAC is meeting on any of the four national historic trails. The state attorney general has been asked for an opinion on this matter.
3. **Motion Passed: Ms. Morse and Mr. Harrison will officially represent OHTAC at ODOT meeting on February 25 and request that the 30 foot corridor around the Santiam Wagon Road be established by February 28, 2005 at 7am, before any more work continues. If this is not done then ODOT will issue a "stop work" order. Additionally OHTAC requests that a representative from the City of Lebanon meet with the OHTAC Executive Committee and SHPO no later that April 25 to present a management/monitoring plan.**
4. Ms. Morse represented OHTAC during 3-9-05 meeting at a hydro facility on Santiam Wagon Road to review the landscaping plan.
5. Dropped OHTAC from Partnership for the National Trails System.
6. **OHTAC sent a letter to Mary Allison of McKenzie Ranger District outlining how the Forest Service has not protected the Santiam Wagon Road and knowingly and continuously allowed people to violate and cause degradation of the property.** (see letter dated May 27, 2005)
7. June Spence – appointee to the council – had never attended any meetings – resigned.
8. Suggested that the OHTAC brochure and our annual report be placed on the OPRD website, thus saving printing costs and providing wider distribution. Also, suggested that the OCF historic trails grant program could be linked from this website.
9. Voted to support the installation of new National Park interpretive signs to be placed at Rock Fort asap. (The Dalles)